

Deregulating the BOC monopolies with regards to giving independent ISP's cost-effective access to DSL and 'the last mile', would be a serious mistake. It would likely be the death knell for alternative access to the Internet.

Our local ISP, Sonic.net, supplies products and services which are either not available from SBC, or which are available at a higher cost. Eliminating this option would cause services to be reduced and cause charges to be higher -- a win for the BOCs and a loss for consumers, AKA U.S. taxpayers & voters.

I urge you to continue to regulate these monopolies.

Sincerely,
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